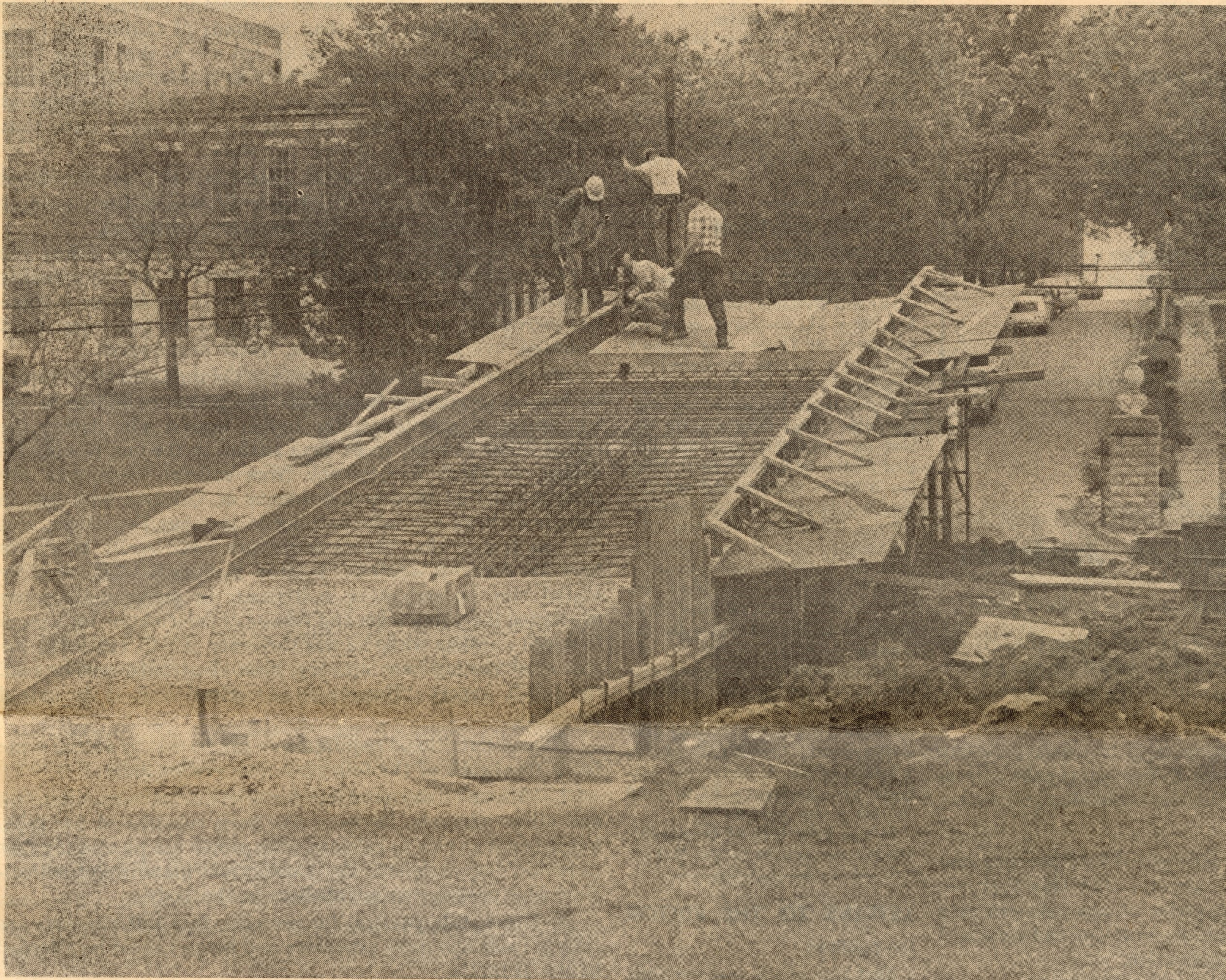


## Overpass Racism Charged



An all-white crew (at time photo was taken) pushes construction on the new overpass.

### Washington: Whites Reap All Benefits

By Lloyd Dixon

Leonard (Sonny) Washington senior from New York City, leader and spokesman for what he terms "a group of progressive students" currently protesting the construction of the highly controversial overpass on Centennial Blvd, accused the Barge-Wagoner Construction Company of racism last week.

Washington, in a special METER interview, stated that his group of active dissentors and at least 99% of the student body at Tennessee State were opposed to the overpass from the outset, but since construction has already begun, "the construction workers should be at least 50% Black."

According to Washington, the Barge-Wagoner Construction Company began their April 10 construction of the overpass with a crew of all-white laborers.

Washington said, "We can't see work being done here on a Black campus for Black people with white people reaping all of the benefits."

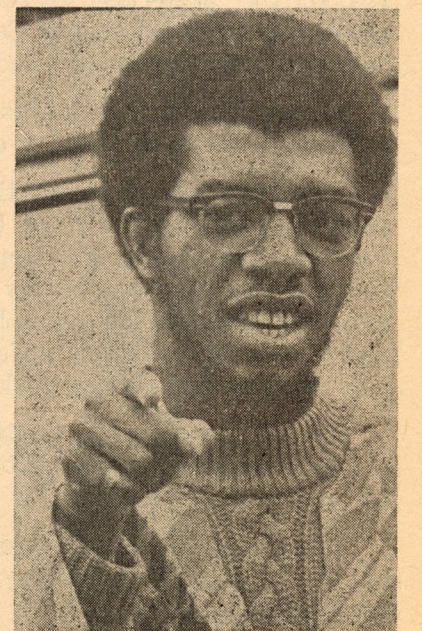
When asked of his opinion on the rerouting of the traffic, Washington said, "We know that it can be done because it was effectively done during the riots or student rebellions that took place in North Nashville 2 or 3 years ago."

Washington concluded by saying that the reasons for demonstrating against the overpass were:

1. To show the Administration that this is not what we want (the overpass).

2. To eliminate racism on the job site.

3. To encourage the President of this University to call an open convocation to inform the student body of plans relative to the overpass.



SONNY WASHINGTON  
... Racism

### Faculty, Staff Indorse Walkway Construction

By Jessie Jackson

The controversial overpass which is being constructed across Centennial Blvd is highly favored by members of the faculty and staff of Tennessee State University.

Mr. Pleasant, an instructor in Industrial Arts said, "The student leaders asked for it and got it, the rest of the student body should go along with the student leaders."

"Those who want to use it can use it, those who don't want to use it, don't have to," stated Mrs. Crouch, a member of the staff in the counseling center.

Mr. James Pulley, a staff member in the Printing Department remarked, "It will eliminate accidents to students if they use it. Preventing accidents is the whole issue and the overpass is the best method."

"I'm in favor of it," said Mr. Carney of the Printing Dept., "because it is the best solution to the problem."

### POLL INDICATES OVERPASS NO SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC PROBLEM

By Joselyn Senter

In a recent student opinion poll, conducted by the METER, students were asked their views on the current overpass issues. The results of the survey are as follows:

1. Do you believe that the proposed overpass will benefit the students as a means of connecting the campus?

40% yes 60% no

2. Do you feel that the overpass is situated in the right area?

42% yes 46% no 2% unsure

3. Which do you prefer?

Rerouting of traffic—86%

Overpass—14%

4. Have your classes ever been disrupted by the noise from Centennial Blvd?

94% yes 6% no

5. How often do you cross Centennial Blvd?

10% never 26% twice daily

30% 4-times

34% 6 or more times daily

6. After the overpass is completed, will you still be in favor of rerouting the Centennial traffic?

90% yes 10% no

7. Would you demonstrate in support of rerouting traffic after the overpass is completed?

74% yes 26% no

8. Have you ever had occasion to witness hostile or unfriendly actions by passing motorists.

68% yes 32% no

(Those who answered yes were further asked what type vehicle was the person(s) driving?

24% car 51% truck 25% both

9. Do you feel that if TSU were predominately white, that the situation would have been handled differently?

92% yes 4% no 4% unsure

10. Do you feel that the administration has done as much as it could in determining the actions taken?

12% yes 86% no 2% unsure

### Dean Payne: Overpass A Temporary Measure

By Beverly Lee

"The overpass is a stop-gap measurement to provide safety for students during the heavy traffic hours of the day," were the words of Dean of Students, Dr. J. A. Payne concerning the construction of the overpass on Centennial Blvd.

"Every one knows that the best way to solve the two problems of students having to cross Centennial Blvd. and to overcome the problems of the noisy trucks is to reroute the traffic," continued the Dean. "But this cannot be done immediately because the traffic would have to be rerouted to Clifton Road, thus endangering the safety of persons living in the Preston Taylor Homes."

Dr. Payne also stated that another means of rerouting traffic would be in back of the campus behind Hankal Hall. He said, "This brings in another problem of money to buy property from the owners in order to build a four-lane highway."



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## Candidates In WSIX Interview

by Billy Gittens

Joe Foster, WSIX television station newsman conducted an informal interview with the five Student Council Presidential candidates aired on Wednesday's six o'clock news program.

Foster stated that the purpose of the interview was to let the Nashville area residents know that Black students are also concerned with today's vital topics.

"Tennessee State is an important part of the Nashville community," Foster said of the interview. He conceded, however, that the Nashville news media has been neglectful concerning important news events at the Centennial Blvd. campus.

## Campus Elections Rescheduled, Referendum Set Tues.

Campus elections rescheduled for Fri., May 15, yesterday, were rescheduled for Thurs., May 20, as a result of a decision by University President Dr. A. P. Torrence.

The decision to change the election date arose from student unrest in connection with the disqualification of Richard Byrd, Preston Williams (presidential and vice presidential candidates, respectively) and Carol Kilgore, (Miss TSU candidate) because they failed to meet the academic requirements.

Dr. Torrence called an open convocation with State Senator Avon Williams as the arbitrator for the dispute.

Subsequently, an emergency student council meeting was called by SC President Earnest O. Gray, which resulted in the scheduling of a referendum Tuesday to decide whether or not to lower the academic average from a 2.5 to a 2.0 for the major campus.

It was later decided to schedule campus elections to Thurs., May 20.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor;

That time of the year has come again. What part will you play? Yes, I am talking about the student Elections. This year it is hoped by the Student Election Commission that the students will be more responsive to issues at this University. The convention and elections are often called fads and farces. Look at it objectively. It is you that determine what the elections will be. It is that student who fails to respond to issues around him that makes student government what it is.

In a recent meeting with campaign managers, it was strongly urged that we collectively strive to take the candidates and issues to the students. There must be a revival of the student attitude toward student government. There must be created an atmosphere conducive to student participation. There must be a motivator to influence students to go to the polls in droves. The commission and myself are working earnestly toward this goal. Our activities are designed to get "you", the silent, to speak and act for a revival in student response.

To achieve such response, we must look at our priorities. We must do away with status symbols. We must do away with prestige. We must do away with our selfish attitudes. And we must do away with our organizational factionalism.

Alton P. Arnold

## HUMAN RESOURCES STILL TODAY'S BIG CHALLENGE

By Dr. John M. Mallette

We have all heard of the fearsome foursome in regards to the Los Angeles Rams Professional football team, however four (4) biological variants might be more appropriate today, i.e., The Pill, Population, Pollution, and Pesticides.

There are roughly 3.5 billion people living today, of these 10-20 million people, mostly children, are starving to death each year while we pay our farmers not to grow food. How many presumably well educated Americans realize that their pets receive a better diet than hundreds of millions of their fellow human beings? How many are aware that many poor Americans resort to eating pet food as a chief source of high quality protein? It cost \$28 per day to feed an elephant at Brookfield zoo in Chicago and some people don't have that much to feed a family of four per week.

U.D.C. or Underdeveloped countries, DC. or Developed Countries. U.D.C.'s will be unable to escape from poverty and misery unless their populations are controlled.

Many people go to bed hungry every night, but unless you have experienced this phenomena, it doesn't have any meaning whatsoever. Most organisms in the world experience intensified increase in sex activity as a result of the following: Food shortage, overpopulation, stress, water deprivation.

Many people in the U.D.C.'s—the Columbia Mothers forced by hunger to practice infanticide, the Biafran children in the last stages of starvation, the Indian women who during the recent Bihar famine, spent days sitting in the sun picking up grains of wheat one by one from railroad beds, and the several hundred thousand residents of Calcutta who live in the street have virtually nothing to lose but their lives. But the sad fact is that the same picture could easily be shown here in America—A.D.C. Senator Holling-D—S.C. recently stated how he and other individuals in power deliberately prevented the publication and release of information on hunger in South Carolina while he was Governor of S.C. (1959-63) for fear of attracting new industry. Most of us have seen or read the C.B.S. report "Hunger in America" and it is indeed revealing.

Human nutritional requirements can be met by eating some foods from each of the following four groups daily:

1. Milk and dairy products for calcium, proteins, vitamins, and other minerals. Soybean has been substituted for milk, but it is not as rich in calcium, poor people use pickled pig feet to obtain their calcium. The parathyroid gland regulates calcium and phosphorus metabolism in the body.

2. Meats, fish, poultry, for proteins, fats and vitamins are luxury foods and most expensive and hence cannot be afforded in the U.D.C.'s.

3. Grains and starch vegetables for carbohydrates, vitamins and some protein. These foods are present in wheat, rice, potatoes, corn, beans. They make up the bulk of the diet of poor people.

4. Fruits and green vegetables for carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and some proteins. These are sometimes the only sources of protein for people living in poverty. "ALL FLESH IS GRASS" The basic source of food for all animal populations is green plants—"grass". Human beings and all other animals obtain the energy and nutrients for growth development, and substances by eating plants directly, or eating animals that have eaten plants, or by eating animals that have eaten animals that have eaten plants. Draw a food chain. Specific Recommendation.

1. Use of available land where large acreages are now devoted to crops which are either not necessary, or beneficial to mankind, or easily supplantable by substitutes. One such crop is tobacco, whose high cash value causes it to be grown over many thousands of valuable acres in our own country as well as other parts of the world. The harmful effects of tobacco on health have been firmly established.

2. Population control, April 21, 1970 issue of Look magazine, Dr. Shettles-Columbia University discusses a relatively new method of choosing the sex of your off-spring; Involuntary sterilization after second child. Hawaii, Abortions-Maryland.

3. Food Sources from the Sea.

4. Control of pollutants—Air, water, Pesticides, etc.

5. Public Awareness—Ignorance is no excuse

"THE FRONTIERS ARE NOT IN THE WEST, EAST, OR SOUTH, BUT WHERE A MAN CONFRONTS A FACT".

## From the Editor's Desk

## You Can't Make A Racehorse Out Of A Jackass

By Lloyd T. Dixon

If you've ever been around the older generation (i.e. grandfathers, great-uncles) you've probably heard them release many phrases of wisdom that may not have been verbally or grammatically correct, but indeed made a heck of a lot of sense.

Two things that my grandfather used to say are readily applicable to the overpass situation: 1. You can't make a racehorse out of a jackass, and (2) You can't mix slop and expect to get salad.

As crude as these statements may sound they seem to sum up the situation in a nutshell. It appears that this overpass construction is another in a long series of appeasement acts forced on us by the Tennessee State government and condoned by our seemingly spineless administration.

The question that should arise in every person's mind connected with this University is: When are we going to stop subjecting ourselves to tokenistic trends of appeasement?

The main issue descends, for the most part, on the rerouting of the traffic around Centennial Blvd. Now those of you in attendance here from 1966-68 remember the so-called riots that took place in North Nashville and to a greater extent on Tennessee State's campus.

If you reflect profoundly on those incidents, you will recall that for the "protection" of the passing motorists, ALL of the traffic was rerouted around Centennial Blvd. and it STAYED rerouted until the turmoil had ceased.

It would seem that if this action can be carried out successfully in times of strife, it certainly can be done now.

Some city official stated that the traffic could not be rerouted around Clifton Road because of the children in the Preston-Taylor Projects. It appears to this writer that it could be done that way temporarily because of the fact that for a greater portion of the day, a lot of the children are in school and with a little intense police protection and a few fences, safe crossing and playing could be facilitated.

But we have to cross Centennial ALL day, EVERY day—not to mention the noise that disrupts our classes and which will not be eliminated by the construction of the overpass.

There may be several solutions to this pending dilemma, but the overpass is definitely not the answer. It's a waste of time, effort, and money.

It's time we stood up and reversed the trend of appeasement via logical reasoning.



# The A. E.'s Speak Out

By Harvey J. Freeman

In behalf of my fellow club members, I would like to inform you of a few of the "happenings" in the School of Engineering, specifically the Architectural Engineering Department. First of all, do you know we have a School of Engineering? I'm not being farcial, I'm being quite factual. Yes, there are some people that don't know that at one time Tennessee State procreated approximately 50% of the black engineers, they don't know of the deficiencies that the school has.

They don't know that engineering is one of the highest paying jobs in industry. They don't know that Tennessee State's engineering students have to take an excessive number of hours to graduate, they don't know that engineering students are organizing, trying to help and better themselves—these are only a few of the "they don't know's."

As architectural engineering students, we are in a rudimentary stage (as far as organization) and trying to develop our proficiencies in architecture to cope with the many demands of this evolutionizing world. As of this year, we have worked diligently to affiliate ourselves with a national organization called the American Institute of Architects (an organization which originated in the late 1800's, and opened to blacks in the 1960's).

The students chapter of this organization is called the A.S.C. (association of student chapters). Most colleges or universities use the school name and add chapter of the A.I.A. The student chapter was set up to coordinate the architectural student organizations of the United States of America with the functions of the American Institute of Architects and provide the medium for exchange of ideas among architectural students of the United States and the world.

The T.A.S.K. Force of the AIA, the NAACB (accreditation board), and SOM (large architectural firm), are some of the organizations assisting Tennessee State's architectural engineering school in obtaining its accreditation. As engineering students, we are profoundly concerned about the School's accreditation, because being a graduate from an accredited school is more beneficiary and lucrative to the student.

The Tennessee State University chapter of the AIA will have an architectural exhibit soon. The purpose will be to show how we are progressing and to help you be more cognizant of contemporary architecture.

## President Announces "Open Door" Schedule

University President, Dr. A. P. Torrence announced in a memorandum, "The open door" schedule will be from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. At this time, persons are welcome to discuss briefly any matters they wish without prior appointments."

The memorandum also added that the President will be available for regular appointments from 10 to 12 noon daily. These appointments may be arranged with Mrs. Clanton in the President's office (Ext. 201 or 214).

## KAPPAS END WEEK WITH "LAS VEGAS" CARNIVAL

The Brothers of the Alpha Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity ended their fraternity's week with the annual "Kappa Goes To Las Vegas" carnival.

Also in celebrating their week, the men of Alpha Theta featured 10 activities of which included an address by Sixth Circuit Court Judge A. A. Birch.

The "Las Vegas" carnival featured a talent show and a host of fun and games.

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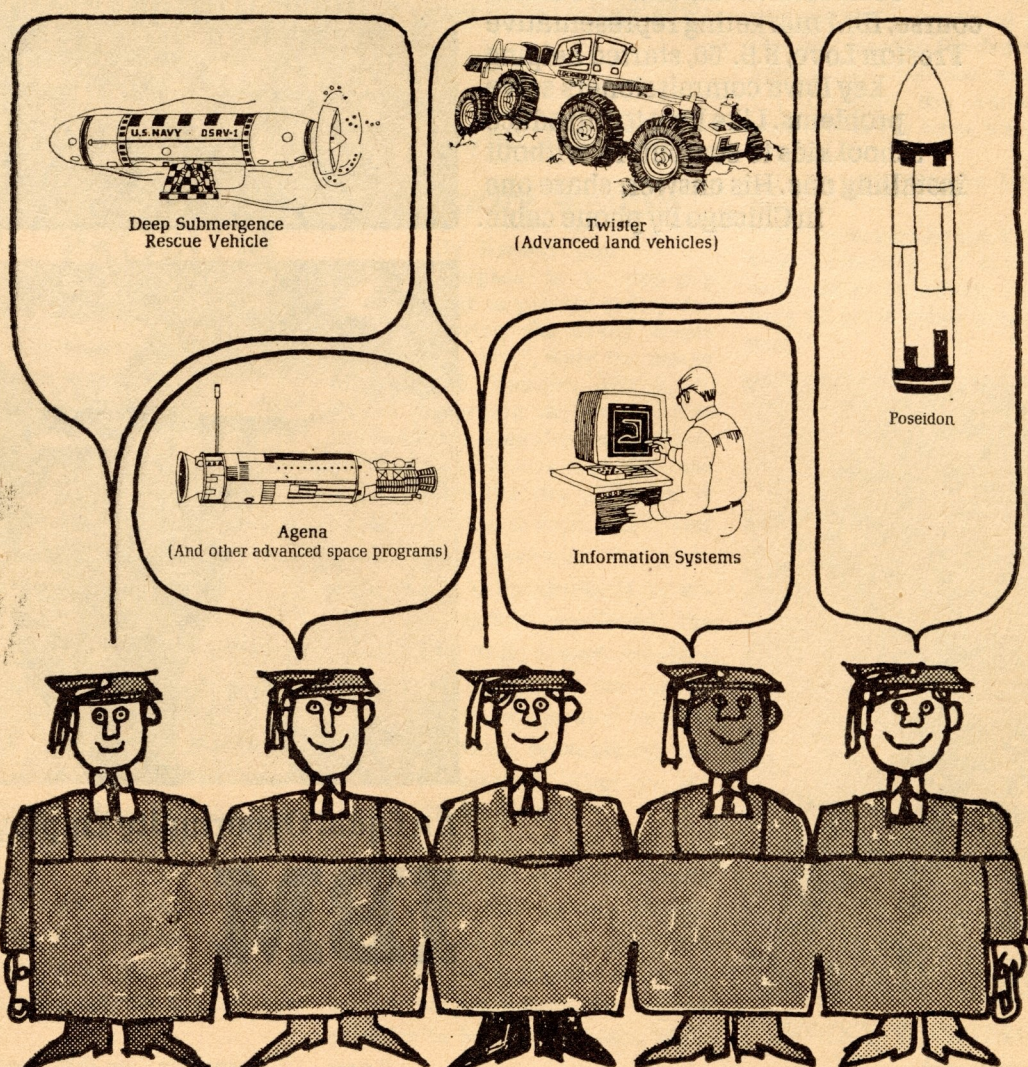
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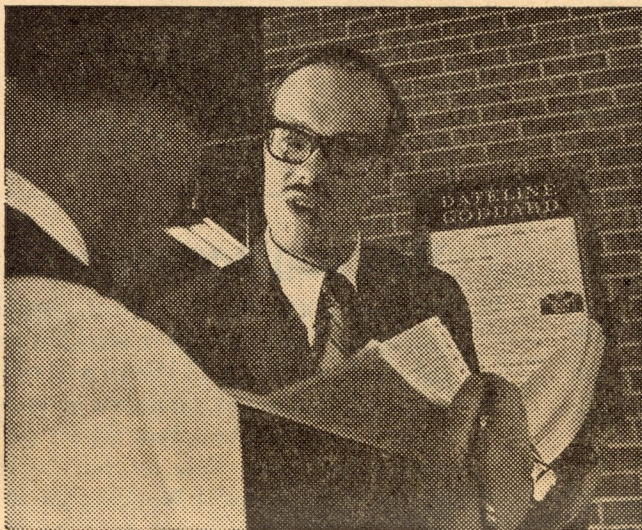


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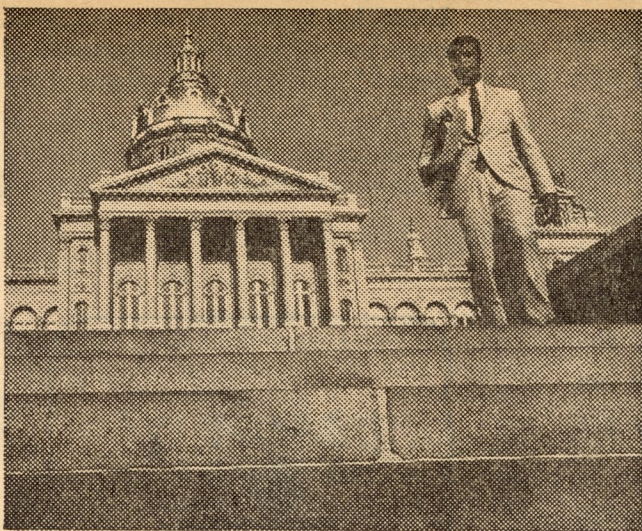
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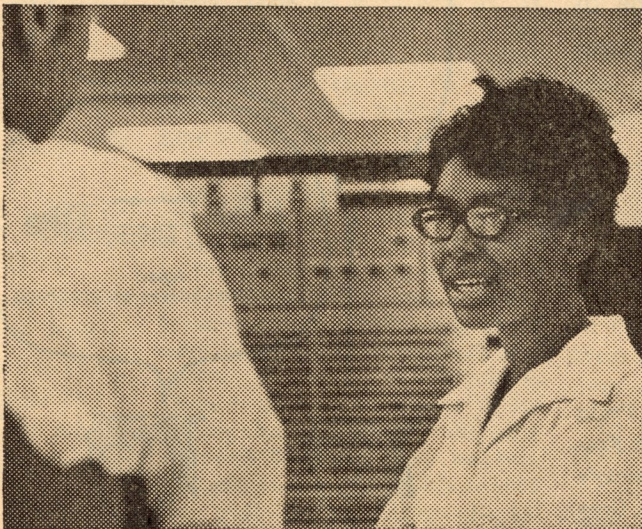
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